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arose a higher ridge, clothed with tall, stately oaks and beeches, of the second growth, and

cutting off in that direction all view beyond its own near horizon.

It was not in this direction, however, nor up the road toward the remote castle, nor down across the bridge over the silver tide, that the

watchers turned their eager eyes; expecting the more eagerly, as at times, the distant

woods before them—lying beyond a long stretch of native savanna, made probably by

the beaver, while that industrious animal yet figured in the British fashions, seemed to moon

and lake with a deep, indefinite murmuring sound, half musical, half solemn, but like to

an echo that to any known utterance of any living human being; too varied for the noise

of falling waters, too modulated for the wild harp of the west, which was sighing fitfully

among the branches. Eagerly they watched, with a wild look of almost painful expecta-

tion in their keen light-blue eyes, resembling in no respect the lively glance with which the

jovial hunter awaits his gallant quarry; for there was something that spoke of apprehen-

sion in the eager gaze, perhaps of the fear of ill performing an unwilling duty.

And if it were so, it was not unnatural; not at that day, alas! uncommon, for dress,

aspect, and demeanor, all told them, at first sight, that the Saxon serfs of England

They were both clad alike, in short close-cut frocks, or tunics, of tanned leather, gathered

over their waists, with broad buff belts fastened with brazen buckles, in each of which stuck a

long buckhorn-hafted sword, the shaft of which was bound in leather, and the hilt

both were bare-headed, both shod with heavy clouted shoes, and both wore, riveted

about their necks, broad brazen dog-collars, having the brand of their condition, with their

own names and qualities, and that and the condition of their master.

Here, however, ended the resemblance, even of their garb; for, while the taller and better-

formed man of the two, who was also some- what the darker haired and finer featured, wore a species of rude leather gaiters, with

buckles of the same material, reaching to high above the knee, the other man was bare-

legged, and bare-legged also, with the exception of an insubstantial covering of

thongs of horse-hide, plaited from the ankle to the knee upward. The latter also carried no

weapon but a long quirt, though he led a brace of noble white hounds, the wire-

haired grayhounds of the day—in a leash of twisted buckskin; while his brother—for so

strong was their personal resemblance that their kinship could scarcely be doubted—car-

ried a short, stout sword in his hand, and had beside him, unrestrained, a large

coarse-haired, of a deep brindled gray color, with clear hazel eyes; and what was strange

to say, in view of the condition of this man, unarmed, according to the cruel forest code

of the Norman Kings.

This difference in the apparel, and it may be added, in the nearest, well being, and gen-

erally superior bearing of him who was better armed, might perhaps be explained by a glance

at the engraving on the respective collars. For while that of the former, the better

clad and better looking, bore that of a

"Leofnoth, the dark, thrall of the land to Ay-

mer de Mortemar," that of the other stamped him "Edwulf, the red, groth thrall" of the

same Norman lord.

Both Saxons, of the mixed Northern

race, which, largely intermingled with Danish blood, produced a nobler, larger-limbed, loftier

and more athletic race than the pure Saxons of the southern counties, they had fallen, with

the properties of the Saxon, those to whom they had belonged, into the hands of the

foreign conqueror. Yet Leofnoth was of that higher class—for there were classes

even among these miserable beings—which could not be sold, or parted from the soil on

which they were born, but at their own op-

tion; while Edwulf, though his own twain brother, for some cause into which it

was needless to inquire, could be sold at any time, or to any person, or even swapped for an

animal, or gambled away, at the slightest caprice of his owner.

To this may be added, that, probably from

captivity, or perhaps from some predilection for his personal appearance and motions, which

were commanding, and even graceful, or for his bearing, which was evidently less churlish than

that of his countrymen in general, his master had placed him in the hands of the

other serf of the soil; and, without actu-

ally raising him to any of the higher offices reserved to the Normans, among whom the

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oak, making his grayhound lie down in tall fern beside him.

The approaching hounds came to a sudden halt, and silence, deep as that of haunted midnight, fell on that solitary place.

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BELL SMITH ABROAD—AT SEA.

No. II.

DEAR DOCTOR: I make a Cook's voyage of my Atlantic experience. Well, it was strange

enough to me; but, as one of my success in story-telling is not in what is seen, so much as in the manner of its relation, I do not hesitate for the

purpose of asking, is this new or old? We go through the same old tale of the shipwreck, and looking at the same things, but, back of those eyes, what various brain and widely-differing experiences! If I cannot interest you in the

passage across, I will drop my pen in de- spair; for the fault is not in the great Atlantic, but in the pen-holder. I realized this with Mrs. T. Gathered round her under the shadow of the

white-house—when the fog permitted us to have that luxury—she delighted of things

circle with the graphic description of large we should have seen a thousand times in our

own land. I stopped in my usual way, to ana- lyze my happiness, and found its cause in the

pleasant way in which she presented old familiar things. I am smitten with an ambition to do the same thing; so, no searching for un- trodden paths, or even unfamiliar things.

The lady, Mrs. T., somewhat shocked me in the beginning of our acquaintance. My first view was not the pleasantest, as it started all the old associations which surround me. On the

second day out, I found her, after dinner, walking the deck, in boots with most decided heels, a traveling dress of sombre hue and

stout material, a bonnet with brim broad enough to be of service, and a pair of buckskin

gloves with gauntlets of sufficient length to cover one-third the arm. These, upon rather a

stout woman of thirty-five or forty, with a handsome face, made up of a prominent chin, aquiline nose, and large hazel eyes, were sen- sible, and not unbecoming; but there she was,

walking alone, in a very quiet, dignified man- ner, with her hands behind her, and smoking a cigar. I had heard of such things; but, when she met in the cabin a long-haired, un- shaven, cadaverous-looking customer, who asked

solemnly to be shown out of the boat. He had a misty recollection of a very neat-looking, fleshy gentleman coming aboard at New York, but he could not remember his name.

We had a state-room full of such odd crea- tures near us, and, of course, sleeping all day made them miserably wakeful during the

night, and gave time for the practice of various melodies, among which the whooping cough and blind rage and rage of the young, and honest old Jonathan, the stowaway, inquired kindly as to the health of one who was forever complaining of a seventeen-year headache. She

responded, despairingly—

"Oh, ver bad; all so night I was so sick I could not sleep, so sick, so sick, so bad I cannot tell."

"Would you like some breakfast, madam?"

"Don't know; ver sick wix so sea mal—not

ave you?"

"Get you anything else, madam?"

"No, thank you; I am not hungry."

"Yes, madam, I will bring you some."

"I take so breakfast. Are you so mouton

chop—to potate—to tomatoes—wix so sea and hot cake?"

"Anything else you would like to have, madam?"

"Ah, mon Dieu! I cannot tell; I ver indis-

posed. Mon doctor, after leele hot, bring so lobster, cucumber, and so on."

On the morning of the eleventh day out, I came up on deck to greet a morning breeze, and saw the redoubtable old English lady, who was in the channel. My heart did throb

to see, for the first time, the cliffs of that, to us, classic land, and loved in spite of ourselves. I found my mind listening to the world's song of

praise, as uttered by Campbell:

"Her mark on the mountain wave,
Had tried his intellect at speculating in thou-

sands of acres in Illinois, and, furnished with a portable saw-mill, and armed with his title-

deeds, a little army of clerks, drovers, and ser- vants, he set out to make his fortune in the

west. I cannot find him; I look thee, five, ten day; all say do no your land. Ver mad

I look; but I find him; I make you grand discovery. Day all be vat you call 'quaintar;

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